

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
2009 Legislative Year**

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B - Other Bills

Bill Number Version	Author	Summary	Board Position	Status
AB 29 I-12/01/2008	Price	PEMHCA: Dependent Care Prohibits health plan contracts or insurance policies that cover dependent children from establishing a limiting age for coverage of less than 27 years of age. Employers participating in PEMCHA are not required to pay dependents' premium costs after age 23, however a covered employee or annuitant could elect to provide coverage to a dependent who would otherwise be ineligible for coverage by contributing the premium for that coverage.		02/05/2009- Assembly Health Committee
AB 53 I-12/03/2008	Portantino	State Employees: Executive Salary Freeze Prohibits state employees whose base salaries are greater than \$150,000 per year from receiving a salary increase while employed in the same position or classification, and from receiving payment for overtime work or a bonus. The bill would exempt persons whose compensation are governed by an operative memorandum of understanding, who are employed in a classification that is subject to oversight by a federal receiver, who have been exempted by executive order of the Governor, or whose salaries are set pursuant to the California Constitution. This prohibition would be in effect until January 1, 2012.		02/05/2009- Assembly PER&SS Committee
AB 65 I-12/09/2008	Hayashi	Retired Public Employees Vision Care Program Creates the Retired Public Employees Vision Care Program to provide vision care benefits to retired annuitants of contracting public agencies, school districts, and the University of California. CalPERS would administer the program which would be funded entirely by annuitants' premium and would implemented no later than January 1, 2011.		02/05/2009- Assembly PER&SS Committee
AB 86 I-01/05/2009	Nava	Local Safety Member: Airport Police Officers Allows contracting agencies to include their airport law enforcement officers as local safety members through an optional contract amendment. Also exempts from Social Security.		02/05/2009- Assembly PER&SS Committee

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AB 125 I-01/15/2009	De Leon	California Employee Savings Program (CESP) Establishes the California Employee Savings Program (CESP) to allow any Californian employed by a private or nonprofit employer to participate in an individual retirement plan developed and administered by CalPERS, if the required regulatory approvals are obtained and adequate funding through a state budget appropriation or a nonprofit or private entity is provided.		02/26/2009- Assembly PER&SS Committee
AB 468 I-02/24/2009	Hayashi	Employer Post-Retirement Health Benefit Contributions: Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority For employees hired on or after November 1, 2004, prohibits the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) from contributing to annuitant's postretirement health benefits for the first five years of credited service. After five years of credited service, requires ACTIA to pay an employer contribution of 50% and increase its contribution by 5% for each year of credited service until the employer contribution reaches 100% of the weighted average of the health benefits plan premiums for employees or annuitants enrolled for self alone.		02/25/2009- From printer. May be heard in committee March 27.
AB 704 I-02/26/2009	Calderon, Charles	Public Employees-DROP Establishes the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) as a voluntary program in the Public Employees' Retirement System for the excluded or exempt state employees of State Bargaining Units 5, 6, 7, and 8. The program would provide eligible members, upon retirement, access to a lump sum in addition to a monthly retirement allowance. The bill would require that the program result in a cost savings or be cost neutral to the state, direct the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to prepare a cost analysis of the program, as specified, and direct the board to implement the program on July 1, 2010. It would also require periodic ongoing actuarial assessments of the program.		02/27/2009- From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.
AB 820 I-02/26/2009	Conway	State Annuitants: Legal Services and Vision Care Plans Allows DPA to charge annuitants an administrative fee for participating in group legal services plans and allows vision care plan providers to bill annuitants directly if the plan premium exceeds the annuitant's premium allowance.		03/01/2009- From printer. May be heard in committee March 30.

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AB 1126 I-02/27/2009	Hernandez	PEMHCA: Balance Billing Amends PEMHCA so that health-care providers giving emergency services and care cannot seek reimbursement or attempt to obtain payment for any covered services provided to an employee or retiree.		03/02/2009- Read first time.
AB 1477 I-02/27/2009	Krekorian	Retired School Member Death Benefit Current law requires a \$2,000 death benefit be paid to the designated beneficiary of a retired school member, with the additional employer contributions required to fund this benefit be computed as a level percentage of member compensation. This bill would increase that payment to \$6,163 for the designed beneficiary of a retired school member.		03/02/2009- Read first time.
ABX3 1 A-02/14/2009	Evans	2009-10 Budget Act This bill would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2009-10 fiscal year. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.		02/15/2009- Senate Third Reading
ABX3 8 A-02/15/2009	Evans	2009-2010 Budget Act Section 31 of this bill would defer payments of employer contributions toward retiree health and dental plans payable in the months of February and March. These deferred payments would instead be payable in April.		02/15/2009- Senate Third Reading
ABX3 13 C-02/20/2009	Evans	State or Local Government Funding: Loans to the General Fund Added 22 special funds to the list of funds where the General Fund can borrow from the available fund balances to assist with General Fund cash-flow needs. The Contingency Reserve Fund (CRF) is included on this list.		02/20/2009- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 9, Statutes of 2009
SB 92 A-02/25/2009	Aanestad	PEMHCA: Healthcare Reform Requires the CalPERS Board to: offer a high deductible plan and a Health Savings Account option; establish the Public Employees' Health Savings Fund; provide for an electronic personal health record & an electronic personal benefits record for members; and to provide for a Healthy Action Incentives and Rewards Program for members. This bill provides for numerous other health care reforms.		02/26/2009- Senate Health Committee

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SB 196 I-02/23/2009	Corbett	Health Care Coverage: Provider Contracts Prohibits health care providers and health care plans or insurers from entering into a contract, which limits or restricts the plan or insurer from disclosing information on the cost of procedures or health care quality information to its subscribers, enrollees, policyholders, or insureds.		02/24/2009- From print. May be acted upon on or after March 26.
SB 270 I-02/24/2009	Alquist	Health Information Technology This bill, on and after January 1, 2011, would require state agency contracts with health care providers, service plans, or insurers to include a provision requiring the provider, plan, or insurer, when implementing, acquiring, or upgrading its health information technology systems, to utilize systems and products that meet federal standards for interoperability and implementation specifications, where available. Also requires health care service plans to offer additional compensation to contracted providers for improved patient outcomes and coordination of care resulting from the meaningful use of health information technology.		02/25/2009- From print. May be acted upon on or after March 27.
SB 519 I-02/26/2009	Ashburn	1959 Survivor Benefit Deletes the provisions requiring that enhanced 1959 survivor benefit levels for state and school employees be eliminated on January 1, 2010. Instead, these benefits would be continued indefinitely.		02/27/2009- From print. May be acted upon on or after March 28.
SB 628 I-02/27/2009	Ashburn	PEMHCA: 2-Tiered Health Benefit System Allows a county board of supervisors to contract with CalPERS for a 2-tiered health benefit system for the county's annuitants.		03/02/2009- Read first time.

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SB 752	Wiggins	Solano County Trial Court		03/02/2009- Read first time.
I-02/27/2009		Current law requires that in the case of a trial court located within a county contracting with CalPERS for retirement benefits, the trial court and the county must participate under a joint contract with CalPERS, resulting in pooled assets and liabilities and a single employer contribution rate. Current law also required CalPERS to prepare a one-time computation of the assets and liabilities of Butte and Solano counties and their respective trial courts, with the split calculated retroactively from January 1, 2001 and based on the most recent annual actuarial valuation. This bill allows the assets and liabilities of Solano county and the Solano County trial court to be separated based on a computation as determined by the CalPERS actuary retroactive to June 30, 2002. Following the separation of assets, it requires the trial court to participate in a risk pool, regardless of the number of active members in a member classification.		
SB 810	Leno	Universal Coverage: Single-Payer System		03/02/2009- Read first time.
I-02/27/2009		Makes all California residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the newly created California Healthcare System, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Prohibits the issuance of health plan contracts for services covered by the system. Creates the California Healthcare Premium Commission (the Commission) to determine the cost of the California Healthcare System and develop a premium structure. Requires the Commission to recommend a premium structure to the Governor and Legislature on or before January 1, 2011, and to make a draft recommendation to the Governor, the legislature and the public 90 days before submitting its final premium structure recommendation. Requires that the system be operative within two years of the Secretary of Health and Human Services notifying the legislature that sufficient funds exist.		